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Story So Far

talked by both the underworld and a rogue U.S. government agency called the E.S.C., wrestling with Lady Demon for control of her body, former covert operative Cheryl Montessori must now play the final moves of the most sinister and dangerous game of her life...

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YOU
WAAANT
IT?

THEN
COME AND
GET IT



SHK CHAK

WELL?
I'M
WAAAAAITING...

CHUK

SSK KLAK

ANY
MAN WHO
TOUCHES A
TRIGGER DIES. HIS
FAMILY DIES. HIS
FRIENDS DIE.
EVERYBODY WHO
EVER MET
HIM DIES.

DOESN'T
SOMEBODY
WANT TO
GO FIRST?

CAPEESH?



AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE
WE WENT THROUGH TO
INVITE THE LADY HERE,
LET US AT LEAST
SHOW HER SOME
HOSPITALITY.

I
PERSONALLY,
WOULD VERY
MUCH LIKE
TO **SPEAK**
WITH HER.



YOU ARE
A **VERY**
STRANGE
MORTAL.

HAVEN'T
YOU THE **WITS**
TO **FEAR** THE ONE
WHO HAS **SLAIN** SO
MANY OF YOUR
MINIONS?



DEAR
LADY, THAT'S
PRECISELY
WHY I WANTED
TO **MEET**
YOU.

I DO HOPE
YOU'LL **PARDON**
MY RESORTING TO
THREATS AGAINST
DEAR, GULLIBLE **CHERYL**,
BUT I KNOW OF NO OTHER
WAY TO **RAISE** YOU
FROM WITHIN HER.



POPHHET!

SHHHHPHAAAH:



NOW, AS YOU
POINTED OUT,
YOU'VE KILLED
QUITE A FEW OF
MY **VERY BEST**
ASSASSINS.

THAT
CALIBER OF
TALENT IS
EXTREMELY
DIFFICULT TO
COME BY. I'D
LIKE TO MAKE
YOU AN
OFFER.

WOULD
YOU CARE
TO DISCUSS
IT OVER
DINNER?





BOCA
CALIENTE

THIS IS
VITTORIO
ZAMANARO.
I'LL BE ARRIVING
SHORTLY. PLEASE
HAVE MY PRIVATE
DINING ROOM
READY.

OF
COURSE,
MR. ZAMANARO.
RIGHT AWAY,
SIR!



AHH.
LOVELY. NOT
TO MENTION
STYLISH. HOW
DO YOU DO
IT?

MAGIC.

OF COURSE.
HOW FOOLISH
OF ME...



NOW...

...AS I WAS
SAYING...

...ABILITIES
SUCH AS YOURS
ARE A VALUABLE
COMMODITY. I'D PAY
EXTRAORDINARILY
WELL TO HAVE THEM
WORKING FOR ME
INSTEAD OF
AGAINST ME.

WITH
WHAT? GOLD?
PRECIOUS GEMS?
I FEH! I HAD MY PICK
OF ALL HELL'S FINERY.
I CARE NOTHING
FOR PETTY
BAUBLES.

PERHAPS NOT,
BUT MONEY CAN ALSO
BE A MEANS TO POWER
- OR INDEPENDENCE.

IT WOULD BE
A SIMPLE THING
TO ARRANGE YOUR
FREEDOM FROM
DARLING CHERYL. AN
ADEQUATE SUM TO A
DISCREET SURGEON,
A QUICK FRONTAL
LOBOTOMY...

...AND
THAT BODY
WOULD BELONG TO
YOU AND YOU
ALONE.

MMMMNNN
DELICIOUS





NOOOOO!

EHEH
EHEHEH

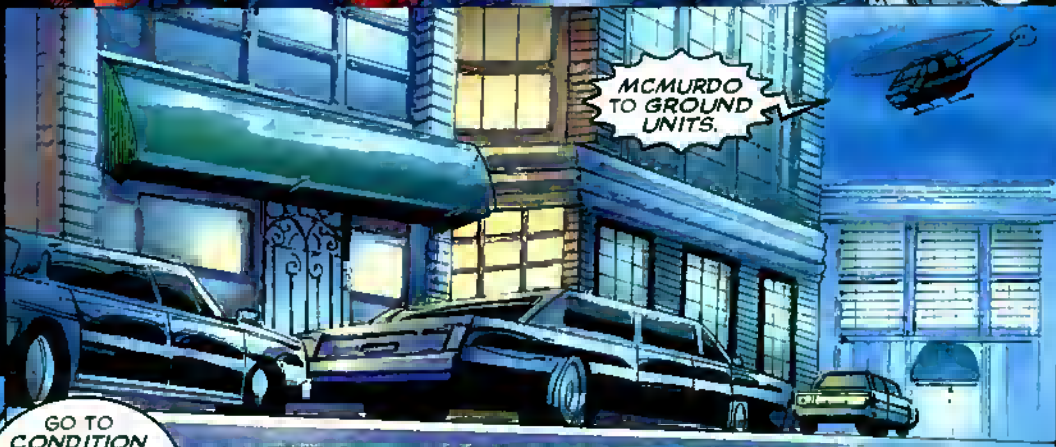
AHA
HAHA
HAHA

I'VE GOT TO
FIND A WAY TO
STOP THEM!

NOT TO MENTION
TURN THE TABLES
ON THAT DOUBLE-
DEALING BITCH.

BUT HOW?

HOW?!



MCMURDO
TO GROUND
UNITS.

GO TO
CONDITION
RED. BE READY
TO INTERCEPT
ON MY
COMMAND.





I DOUBT YOU'LL FIND THAT TRUE HERE. THEIR CHEF HAS WAYS OF DOING THINGS WITH THE JALAPENJO THE DEVIL HIMSELF NEVER IMAGINED.

BOTH THE SERVICE AND THE CUISINE HERE ARE EXCELLENT. I EXPECT YOU WILL AGREE.

PERHAPS. WHAT LITTLE EARTHLY FOOD I'VE TASTED HAS BEEN WOEFULLY BLAND.



YOU ARE MOST CERTAINLY RIGHT. LUCIFER IS NOT PARTIAL TO VEGETABLE MATTER.



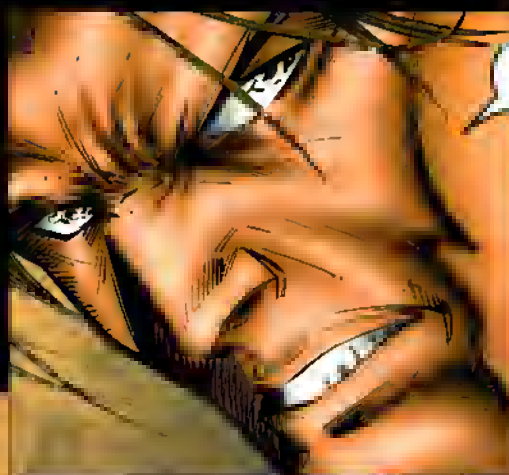
FREEZE! FEDERAL AGENTS!



THEY SO MUCH AS TWITCH, WASTE 'EM.

PTANGK

SHKCHAK KACHUNK SKLAK



EASY OR HARD, SHE'S COMING WITH US.


WELL, THEN, LET ME CONSIDER.

I SAID, I HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE LADY; I DID NOT SAY I WOULDN'T BE WILLING TO SELL THAT CONTRACT TO THE RIGHT BIDDER.

I'M SURE YOUR SUPERIORS WOULD PREFER THAT TO A PUBLIC INCIDENT.

SHALL WE DISCUSS PRICE?





YOU
VOMITOUS...

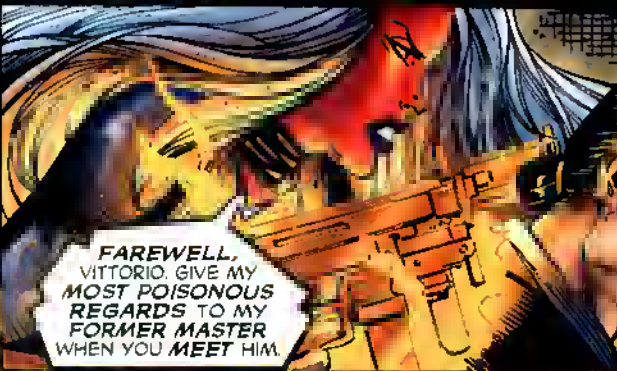
MAGGOT!

I DRAGGED
MYSELF FROM THE
BOWELS OF HELL
TO BE FREE
OF LUCIFER'S
DOMINATION --

-- AND
YOU THINK
TO SELL ME
LIKE A
COMMON
SLAVE?!

AFTER
CENTURIES
OF SERVITUDE,
I AM FREE, AND
I WILL STAY
FREE --

-- NO
MATTER HOW
MANY OF YOU
ANTS I HAVE
TO KILL!



FAREWELL,
VITTORIO. GIVE MY
MOST POISONOUS
REGARDS TO MY
FORMER MASTER
WHEN YOU MEET HIM.

DEAR LADY,
YOU HAVE
MISUNDERSTOOD —

SILENCE!

SHE'S REALLY
GONNA DO THE
BOSS!

AHA
HAHAHA
HA!



WHACK
HER! WHACK
HER NOW!

THAT MAY
HAVE WORKED
ONCE...
-- BUT
EARTHLY LEAD
IS NO MATCH
FOR AN INVISIBLE
CLOAK OF
HELLFIRE!

SKBLAM

KBLACK

THRAKAKAKA

NOW
DIE!

SKLAK
FWOOOSH

CHOOM
CHOOM



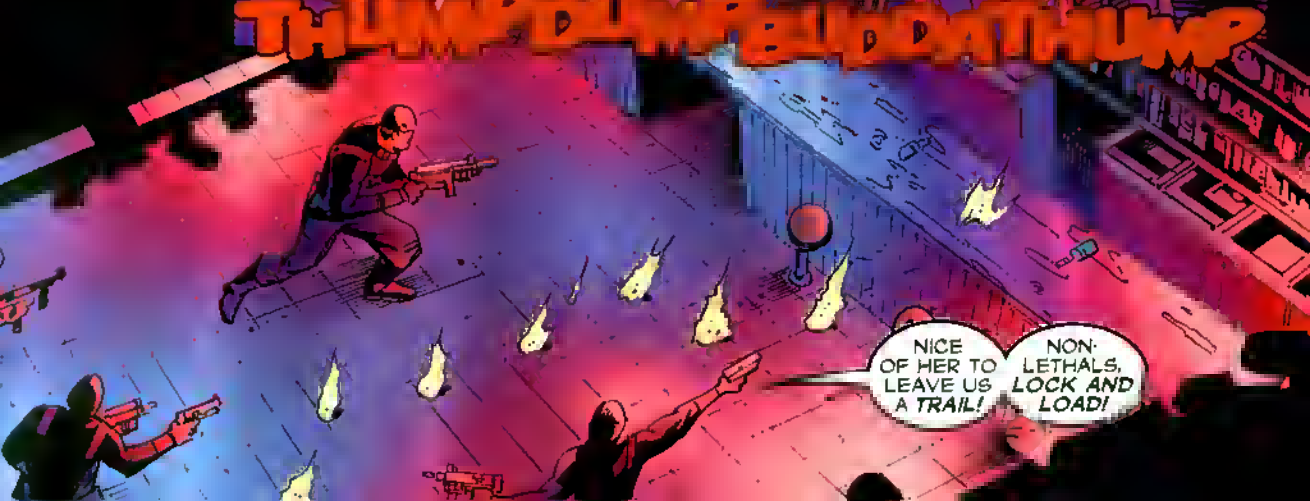
GET... ME...
EVERYBODY!
EVERYBODY!

FGSSSSHH



SKABOOM





NICE OF HER TO LEAVE US A TRAIL!

NON-LETHALS, LOCK AND LOAD!



WHEET

WHEET

WHEET

PLUSSSHHHH

THRAKAKAKA
THRAKAKAKA

WHO
SAID IT WAS
FOR YOUR
BENEFIT?

SPAK

PTWEE

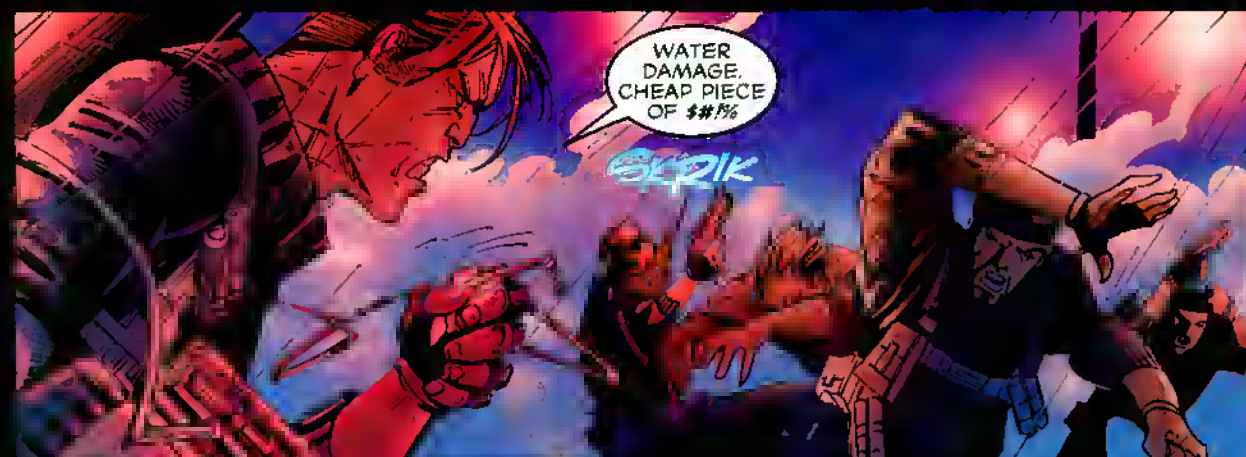
SKLASSH

VERMIN!

SHE'S
SET OFF
THE FIRE-
SUPPRESSION
SYS -
ZHUK!

AAIIGH?

THRAKAKAKA
THRAKAKAKA



THRAAAAAAAAAA

JESUS CHRIST...

BY ALL THAT'S UNHOLY...
... I'LL BE NO ONE'S THRALL AGAIN!

BLAM

THRAAAAAAAAAA

BLAM BLAM

DUK!

GAAAAHH!



SHUNK

THAAAAKAAAA

SPUFFFPA

HAARRGHH!

LIQUID
NITROGEN.

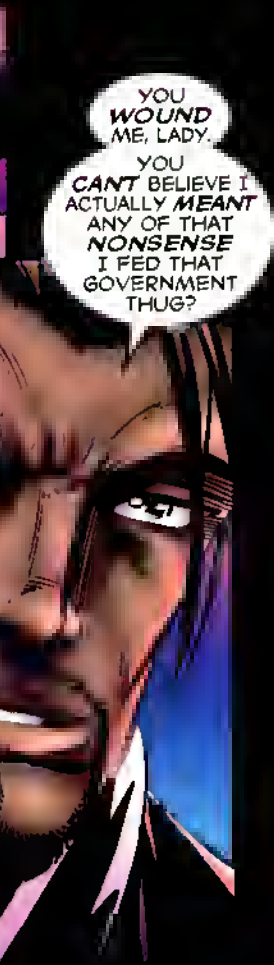
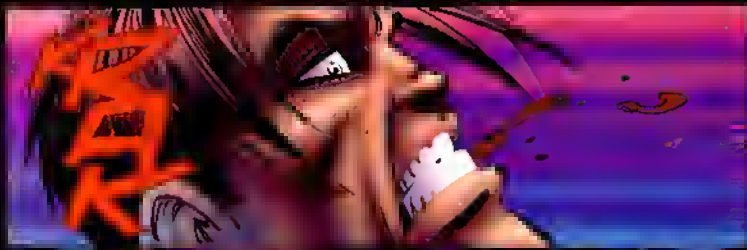
FIGURED
IT'D BE GOOD
AGAINST A
HEAT-BASED
METABOLISM.

THE COLD...
THE TERRIBLE
COLD...

GUESS I'M JUST
GOING TO HAVE TO
COMPROMISE.

IF I
CAN'T TAKE
YOU ALIVE,
I CAN AT LEAST
ICE YOU
INTACT...

-- AND LET
THE SCIENCE
BOYS BACK AT
THE E.T.C. HAVE A
PARTY THAWING
YOU OUT AND
DISSECTING THE
REMAINS.



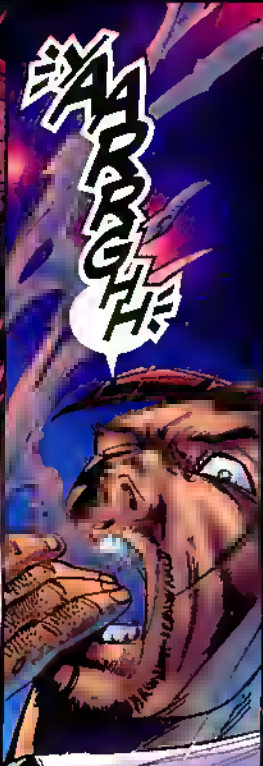


AH, I
SHOULD
HAVE
KNOWN.

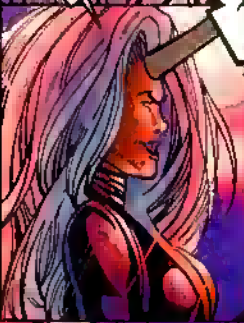


PLEASE,
FORGIVE
ME FOR
DOUBTING
YOU.

MMMPH




AAAA
RR
GGH



YOU
LIE WELL,
ZAMANARO. BUT NOT
WELL ENOUGH
TO DECEIVE ONE
WHO HAS BEEN
CONSORT TO
THE PRINCE
OF LIES.

THE
HELLFIRE
WILL SPREAD AND
BURN UNTIL YOU
ARE ASH... BUT IT
WILL DO SO
VERY... VERY...
SLOWLY.

THE
AGONY WILL BE
EXQUISITE... AND
INTERMINABLE.

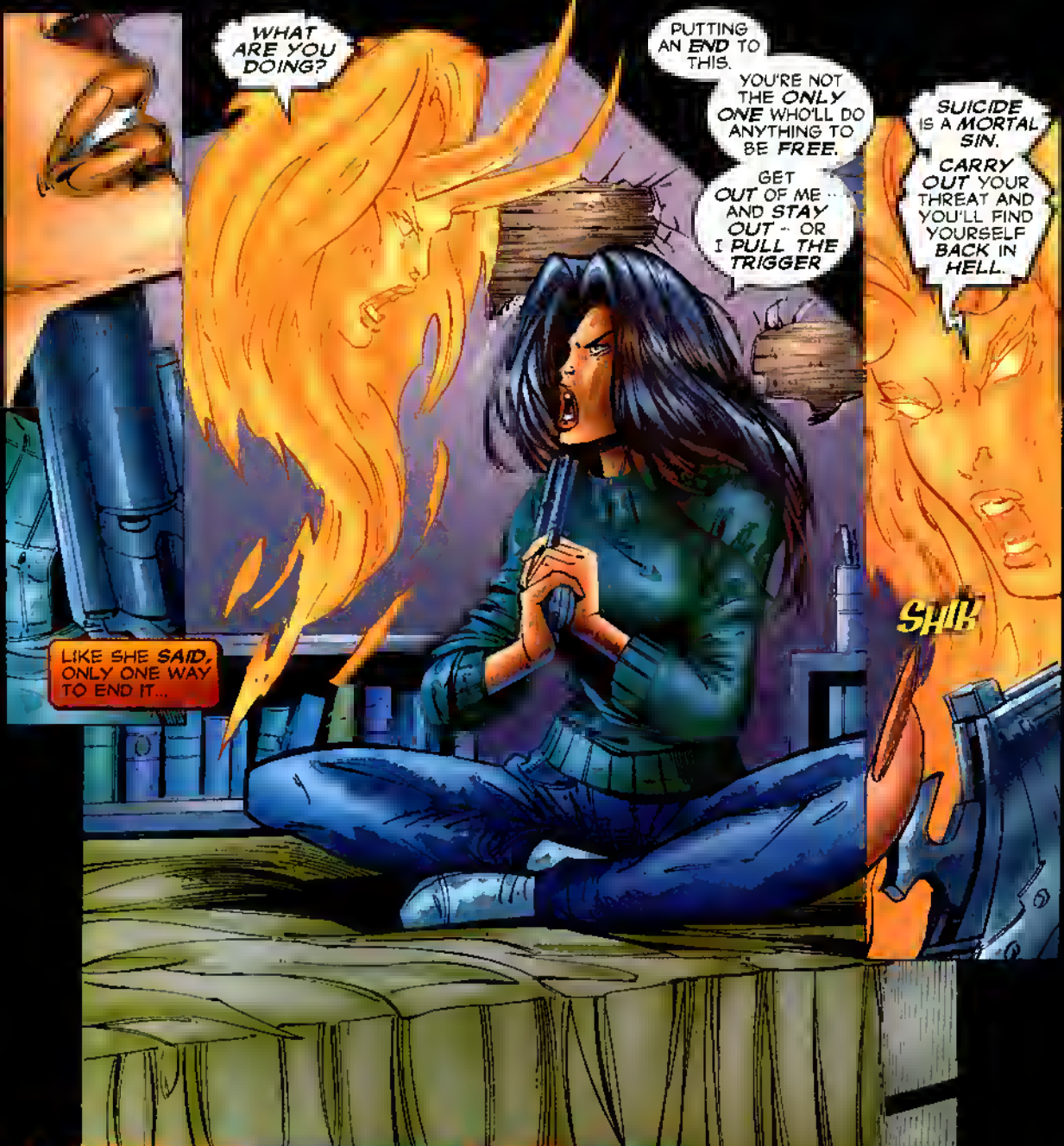


AAUGGH!



THERE
IS ONLY ONE
WAY TO END IT
QUICKLY.

AHA
HAHAHAHA
HAHA



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

PUTTING
AN END TO
THIS.

YOU'RE NOT
THE ONLY
ONE WHO'LL DO
ANYTHING TO
BE FREE.

GET
OUT OF ME...
AND STAY
OUT... OR
I PULL THE
TRIGGER

SUICIDE
IS A MORTAL
SIN.

CARRY
OUT YOUR
THREAT AND
YOU'LL FIND
YOURSELF
BACK IN
HELL.

LIKE SHE SAID,
ONLY ONE WAY
TO END IT...

SHIK




AND
I'M BETTING
THAT IF I GO
BACK, YOU
GO WITH
ME.

AT THIS
POINT, IT'D
BE WORTH
IT.

BITCH!
SO EAGER
TO BECOME A
MARTYR!

YOU
BELIEVE SUCH A
SACRIFICE'D DELIVER
UNTO YOU THE
REDEMPTION
YOU SEEK!

DAMN YOU!



**DAMN
YOU!**

**NOT
ANYMORE!**

UUUNHHH

LATER...

MMMPH

YAAAWWHH

IT'S OVER.
IT'S REALLY
OVER

LATER TODAY,
I CAN TURN THE
E.T.C. FILES
ON OPERATION:
MERGER OVER
TO THE MEDIA.
THAT OUGHT TO
CAUSE SOME
CHANGES.

IT WON'T MAKE UP
FOR THE THINGS
I'VE DONE, NOT BY
ITSELF, BUT IT'S A
GOOD FIRST STEP

- TOWARDS
THE LIGHT



CURSE
THAT WOMAN!
IF I DON'T FIND A
NEW HOST SOON,
I'LL BE DRAWN
BACK TO
HELL!
WAIT...
THE SCENT OF
VIOLENCE AND
CORRUPTION,
NEAR...



YESSS!

A
WARM ONE,
BUT FRESHLY
DEAD -- AND OF
A TEMPERMENT
MORE SUITED
TO MY
NEEDS!



HAHAHAHAHA!



The End?

Confess Your Demons

The Winner Is

Many of you, judging by the number of entries we received, are anxiously awaiting this issue to find out if you're the one who will be awarded the fantastic prize for naming the Lady Demon letter's page. Now, it's time to reveal the winner of a Lady Demon Statue compliments of Eternal Toys. The winner is:

Brian Przybylski

As you can see, the name he came up with, Confess Your Demons, illustrates perfectly the nature of the Lady Demon story and at the same time is a great title under which further letters can rest from Chaos! fiends across the world. Congratulations Brian Przybylski!!!

Fan Letters

Gang at Chaos!

I always felt that Lady Demon would be a better counterpoint to Lady Death than anyone else—after all, she's the opposite side of the same coin—and I'm very glad she has been given the opportunity to carve out her own niche in the new Chaos! universe. Love the artwork and the coloring, but I guess that's what

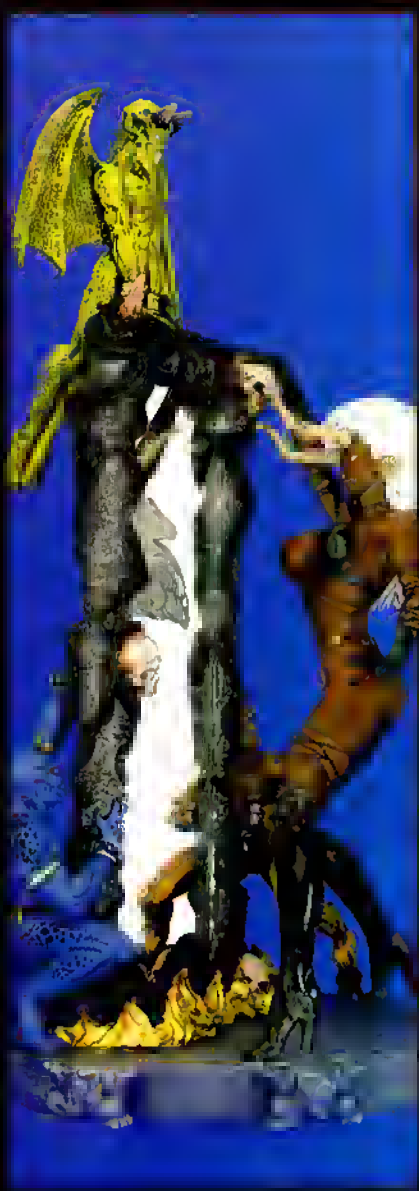
I've come to expect from Chaos! because of your high standards. Although this is only a three issue series, I would definitely love to see Lady Demon face an adversary her powers and guns are no match for next time. I'm sure Lady Demon will find an intriguing way to get out of any situation...or will she?

Keep it Strong,

Charles Lurks

Ok Charles, your right, Lady Demon was over-due for exposure. Now that her series is over, you can be the judge of the ending. Lady Demon, as does everyone, encounters some things that are beyond control. The fun will be in seeing what she must do to deal with them...if she can. By the way, the artwork and color were done by David Brewer and Jason Jensen. My intention of letting you know this is so they'll see your compliment to them when they get this issue. Thanks for writing.

I would like to thank all of you who wrote letters or submitted letter's page names for Lady Demon's series. Let's keep letters coming about all the Chaos! characters. As so aptly put by our name the letter's page contest winner...Confess your Demons...to Chaos!



**The Prize!
Congratulations!**

Next issue

**You tell us.
Do you want more of
Lady Demon?**



From the Crypt

By now most of you have heard that Steven Hughes has passed away. Steve didn't want people to mourn over him for long. He wanted people to celebrate his life. With that in mind, I wanted to share a few of the experiences we shared...

Back in 1990, first meeting Steven in Boston, I drove up from New Jersey. Steve was in a green jacket, walking his son Chance down the street. Leaves were falling. He looked gentle, settled.

Steve and I gabbing on the phone like we did every Monday night at 10:30PM. I told him my plans for world domination, my vision. He listened. He believed.

Our first Con signing in New York, in the way of some pro's long line. We sold books to everyone in that line. Steve using live sugars in his coffee. The booth is a projection screen with art on it.

Rejecting the first Lady Death #1 cover. Steve argued (we did that a lot like brothers do). I pushed him. Six hours later the classic Lady Death #1 cover was born... and we parted. And parted...

Fran and I wake. We're in an earthquake. The apartment is thrashed. Amid the confusion, - and with telephone lines jammed or out - the phone rings. It's Steve, "You all right, man?"

1994. At a con in New York in a blizzard. We watch the price of Lady Death #1 go from cover to \$9.00 in twenty four hours. We are amazed.

Signing at Chicago Comic Con for two thousand plus fans. Steve and I looking at each other. He begrudgingly cracks a smile. The vision paid off. Our hands held up, but man were we tired.

I put Steve up to getting his original art back from this nickel and dime publisher who ripped him off. Steve makes the move. I got his back. We start a brawl in artist's alley.

Steve picking up girls for his children: Amber, Chance and Samantha.

Just to name a few.

To Steven, I thank you for your friendship, passion, dedication and loyalty. You had an incredible run that few people dare imagine and you lived it, as a pioneer, as an outlaw.

I love you man. I'll see you on the other side.

Brian

- Brian

Service Updates

Dear Folks -

Recently, we've blown it. As many of you know, on time shipping of Chaos! Comics and merchandise is critical to me, but I have to acknowledge we've fallen far short of our goals recently. Here are the main problem areas -

A. Chaos! Comics - The Chaos! Chronicles was late. The Chaos! Canvas was cancelled.

B. Licensed products - Lady Death: Night Gallery Trading Cards were extremely late.

C. Eternal Toys - Every product is extremely late.

I won't give you excuses. We promised and we did not deliver. To make matters worse, many of these products were promised around the holidays - probably gifts for some folks.

For all of this, I want to apologize to you. I am truly sorry and I intend to clean things up and get our comics, Eternal Toys and our licensed products back on track.

Mere words won't suffice, I am clear about that, but if you look in the past, I deliver. When our comics sucked in 1998 I acknowledged it and in 1999 the turnaround was 100%. I intend to do the same with Eternal Toys and our licensed products. What these areas lacked were powerful tracking systems and people committed to on time shipping.

I would be irresponsible if I promised

100% on time shipping of our licensed products and Eternal Toys - right now - although that is my goal - however, here are some of our company-wide commitments in this area -

1. To keep you informed if a product may be late.
2. Work with companies that are "systems oriented" like ours that have the same commitment to on time shipping that we do (we consider on time shipping a critical measure of quality and average 90% on time ship of our comics for the last four years).
3. Manage and track all projects much more effectively.
4. We will not offer Eternal Toys products in our catalogs and online until we are certain of ship dates.

Again, I apologize for the disservice we've done and if you need to speak to us about it, please e-mail us at service@chaoscomics.com.

My best,

Brian Pulido
- President Chaos! Comics

Tribute Books to Honor Steven Hughes

By the time you read this, the shock will have passed a little, but right now, it's later February, and Steven's death is still hitting hard at Chaos! central.

We'll miss Steven in the weeks,

months and years to come in ways we can't even imagine right now. All we know for now is that our good friend is gone, and it still hurts.

It's time to try to move on and celebrate Steven's life in the most appropriate way possible, and that's why we're turning to you.

First and foremost, Chaos! fans are a family, brought together by their mutual love of the Dark. But with the tragic death of Steven, the time is here for the family to pull together like never before. First up, Brian has put out the call to all Fiends to buy multiple copies of May's Lady Death by Steven Hughes - all proceeds for that book will now go to Steven's widow, Barbara and three children, Samantha, Amber and Chance. The book will contain Steven's final work on the character that he helped to immortalize in the eyes of hundreds of thousands of fans around the world. It is a special book, lilled with the magic that only Steven could give to the character.

Secondly, all Fiends are asked to pick up August's Steven Hughes Tribute Book that will be filled with unique remembrances of Steven from fellow artists, writers, fans and the gang here at Chaos! The special book will include a biography of the man who brought Lady Death and Evil Ernie to artistic life, as well as photographs from his time with Chaos! Steven was a wonderful man who touched many lives, and this is a small way of celebrating the life of a man who gave so much. As with the Lady Death by Steven Hughes, all proceeds from the Tribute Book will go directly to Hughes' widow and children.

Grab both books and help to remember Hughes for years to come.

Infinity Launches Counter-Strike in June

Coming in June, be sure to take a look at Counter-Strike #1, the debut limited series from our sister company, Intinity Comics. Counter-Strike tells the story of the brother and sister team of Matt and Robin Hunter, techno-spies par excellence who launch counter-strikes against huge multinational companies that are out to screw the little guy.

"With Counter-Attack we're aiming to capture the feel of the best action-adventure movie you've ever seen with a real flair for really big bad guys at the top of the heap," Brian Pulido says. "The book is going to combine the best elements of popular spy and action-adventure movies and television with a sensibility that will appeal to today's audiences who grew up on MTV and pop culture."

As with all Infinity Comics, Counter-Strike is set to be a movie on paper, so be ready for some high-flying action, incredible sights and killer visuals. Mixing espionage, action, adventure and a touch of humor, Infinity's debut series is set to catch the industry's attention this summer with a killer story written by Len Kaminski and penciled by the soon-to-be superstar, Ivan Reis. Miss it not!

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- Purgatori: Collected Edition Vol I \$5.95
- Smiley The Psychotic Antenna Ball \$1.99
- Smiley T-Shirt

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- Purgatori: Empire #2 (of 3) \$2.95
- Purgatori: Collected Edition Vol II \$5.95
- Purgatori: Empire Poster \$7.95
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- Lady Death by Steven Hughes #1 \$2.95
- Heremath #1 Ashcan Yellow limited to 800 copies \$10.00
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- Lady Death Sticker

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